

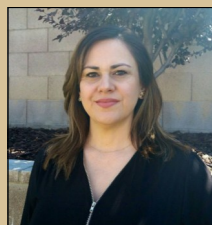
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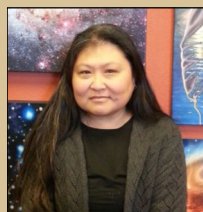
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Tucson First

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Gun Deaths



In the month of August there were 90 gun homicides reported from the City of Chicago. That includes 384 total shooting incidents involving 472 victims.

According to the website FiveThirtyEight, there are over 33,000 gun deaths in the USA annually.

Those include homicides, suicides, and accidents. Regardless of the cause, that's a huge number.

With those sorts of numbers of gun-related deaths and in the turbulent political climate we find ourselves in, this "campaign poster" sent out last week is way beyond any bounds of propriety. Even without the bullet hole going through Ann's chest, the poster is inflammatory and in extremely poor taste. I think a large majority of people will welcome the end of this political season.





Important Phone Numbers

Ward 6 Office
791-4601

Tucson Police
Department
911 or nonemergency
791-6813

Water Issues
791-3242/800-598-9449
Emergency: 791-4133

Street Maintenance
791-3154

Graffiti Removal
792-2489

Abandoned
Shopping Carts
791-3171

Neighborhood
Resources
837-5013

SunTran/SunLink
792-9222
TDD: 628-1565

Environmental
Services
791-3171

Park Tucson
791-5071

Planning and
Development
Services 791-5550

Pima Animal Care
Center
724-5900

Pima County Vector
Control
Cockroaches 724-3401

Continued: A Message From Steve

Elections Lawsuit

Since early in the year we've been hearing from a small fringe group that the election we ran last fall was "unconstitutional" and the results should be invalidated. A lawsuit was filed trying to get our ward/general hybrid election system tossed out and replaced by a ward only system. Last week the U.S. 9th Circuit full panel ruled 11-0 that the lawsuit was bogus and that our system is perfectly fine.

I've been pretty public in expecting this result. I also recommended that we avoid placing any elections questions on the November ballot because this court decision makes changing how we conduct our elections unnecessary. Changing is also not what you, the voters, have said you want – twice. So it's good we finally got the court's answer.

Here's some of the actual language coming from decisions so you can see at least a part of the court's reasoning. The plaintiffs in this case said that allowing different groups of people to vote in our primaries and generals constitutes a violation of their voting rights. In response, the court said this:

But the recognition that primaries are of great significance to the ultimate choice in a general election and thus directly implicate the right to vote does not mean that primaries and general elections must be identically structured and administered. In fact, that contention is belied by decades of jurisprudence permitting voting restrictions in primary elections that would be unconstitutional in the general Election.

For example, we impose geographic restrictions on who can vote in primary elections. You can't do that in the general. We limit voting in primaries by party membership. Obviously we can't do that in the general. So the notion that primaries and generals have to be conducted identically is flawed.

The court also recognized that our system has been in effect for decades and has received the support of the voters multiple times. It also affirmed the idea of local sovereignty – something the state legislature continually fails to grasp:

Tucson's hybrid system represents a careful, longstanding choice, twice affirmed by voters, as to how best to achieve a city council with members who represent Tucson as a whole but reflect and understand all of the city's wards. It is, in other words, the product of our democratic federalism, a system that permits states to serve "as laboratories for experimentation to devise various solutions where the best solution is far from clear."

The court also noted that 32 out of the 39 counties in Washington State and cities in Nevada and California also use our sort of hybrid system. The mantra used by the losers in this case that Tucson is unique is clearly not true.

Here's the concluding piece of the decision:

CONCLUSION

Tucson's hybrid system for electing members of its city council imposes no constitutionally significant burden on voters' rights to vote. And Tucson has advanced a valid, sufficiently important interest to justify its choice of electoral system. On the facts alleged herein, the system does not violate the Equal Protection Clause's one person, one vote commitment.

AFFIRMED.

The losers can still appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. But this was an 11-0 decision, and the reasoning is sound. I'm hopeful they won't waste any more of your money by pushing this further. Many of the issues we deal with are ward-centric (zoning, constituent interaction with the bureaucracy, code violations) and some have impacts throughout the city (budget, water, economic development). The way we conduct our elections reflects how we govern, and how the decisions we make touch the community in differing ways.

Supreme Court

On that topic, my bride and I had the opportunity to hear Justice Elena Kagan speak last week as a part of the UA Law School McCormick Society for Law and Public Affairs program. Kagan is the junior justice on the Court, having been nominated and approved by the Senate in 2010.



I'm going to share just a few takeaways that I found interesting.

Kagan was asked why the court appears to be a political body – validated by the frequent 5-4 votes (4-4 now that Scalia has died and has not yet been replaced). She rejected the suggestion that politics plays a role in reaching that result, but pointed more to how judicial philosophy impacts the way that justices review cases and leads to the predictable divisions. On whether justices should serve on the court for life, she said if they served a certain number of years it might tend to affect how a justice voted on a case that could possibly limit or expand their options in the private sector when their term ended. She also said that even with the ideological split that exists

among justices, being a small body, they share a unique collegiality. I'd say the same is true of the M&C. We all experience similar things being in the public eye. And one item I particularly related to was Kagan saying that she wrote out all of her own decisions as a way of confirming she had learned the material. That's very similar to how I approach this newsletter. If I can translate information from a study document over to written form in my own words, I generally feel I've learned and will be able to defend my position.

Kagan said the court receives several thousand appeals, but only takes 75 to 80 cases per year. With the decision coming from the 9th Circuit, our election case hopefully won't be one of those next term. In November 2017, our election will be conducted just the way you're used to seeing it: ward-only primary and then a citywide general election.

Final Election Add

I've written about how the Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) will soon be ruling on the TEP rate case. The Commission is an elected body, and it has members up for election



Important Phone Numbers

Senator John McCain (R)
520-670-6334

Senator Jeff Flake (R)
520-575-8633

Congresswoman Martha McSally (R)
(2nd District)
(202) 225-2542
Tucson Office: 520-881-3588

Congressman Raul Grijalva (D)
(3rd District)
520-622-6788

Governor Doug Ducey (R)
602-542-4331
Tucson office:
520-628-6580

Mayor Jonathan Rothschild
520-791-4201

ZoomTucson Map
<http://maps.tucsonaz.gov/zoomTucson/>

this coming November.

On Monday, September 12th, St. Mark's Presbyterian Church will host an informational forum that will explain what the ACC is, how it works, and why that matters to everybody in the state. The meeting will run from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Parking is free, and St. Marks is located at 3809 E. 3rd, a few blocks east and one block south of the ward office.

The forum is sponsored by Sustainable Tucson. There will be two presenters: Sandy Bahr, the Chapter Director for the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club, and Dan Millis. Beyond Dan's affiliation with the Sierra Club, he's also the Program Organizer for Borderlands and Beyond Coal.

The doors will open at 5:30 pm. This is a free, and very important and timely event.

Transit Fares

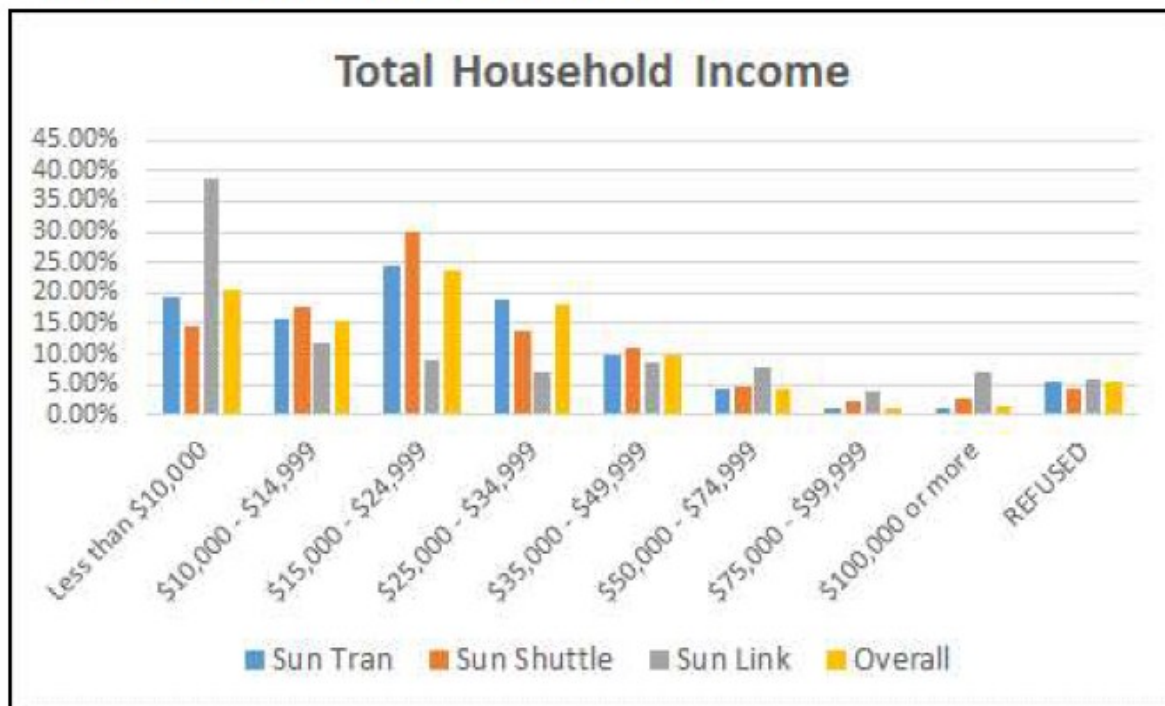
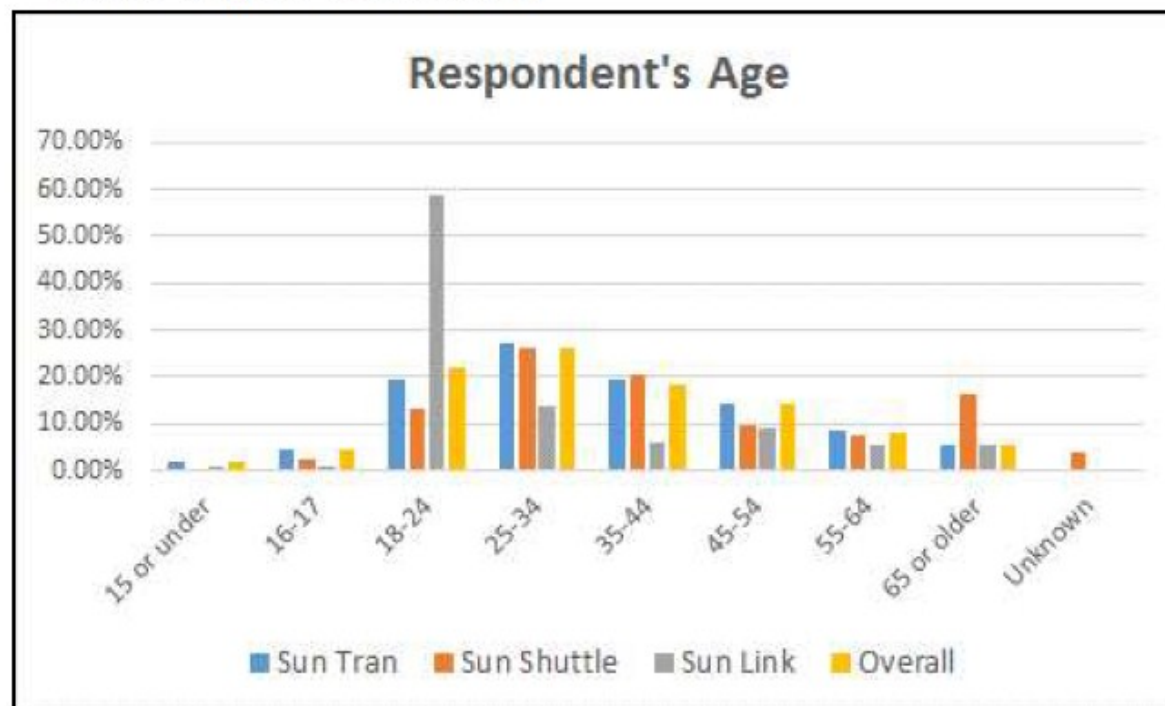
This week we'll have public hearings on transit fares. I asked that we delay any vote on them until our next meeting so we all have a chance to absorb the material, which includes the input we hear during the public hearing. The vote should take place on 9/20.

In the lead-up to this item, the city conducted a Title VI analysis. That's a study aimed at assuring the proposed fares won't have a disparate impact on minority groups. We've now got five different proposals. Those include the one staff and the city manager proposed that started this off during our budget discussions. Following that, we got one from Paul, one from the mayor, a question about just adopting the CM proposal for the first year, and I'm adding into the mix what our Transit Task Force proposed. With the exception of pieces of the TTF proposal, nothing submitted violates Title VI rules. The TTF proposal has parts that may not violate the Title VI standards, but would require us to conduct another of those analyses before we could adopt the ideas.

The Title VI process yielded some demographic data on our riders. I'm going to share some of it because I feel it helps to frame the wider discussion if we know who it is we're impacting in our decisions. I realize that broadly everyone is impacted because it's the General Fund that is at risk for funding operations shortfalls (we're a little over 20% cost recovery on Sun Tran), but that's true of every city department that's not an enterprise, so it's fair to look at where the immediate impact of fares will fall.

Here's some household income data. Roughly summarizing it, you can see that around 80% of our riders live in households that have incomes of less than \$35K annually. If you combine that with the next table, it's clear that students and young people are not generally who you're going to be riding with on Sun Tran. About 60% of our riders are working age, between 25 and 64 years old. And by the way, it's nice to be able to place myself within the same age demographic with the whippersnappers who work alongside me in the ward office.



Chart 3-4. Total Annual Household Income**Chart 3-1. Age of Transit Riders**

The analysis invited comments. About half of those responding were opposed to any fare increases. Just under 20% said they understood the need to increase fares, and the remaining 30% chose one of the optional fare policies instead of saying they were for or against the whole notion of an increase. The TTF proposal was not included in the options. The responses in that last group were about equally divided among the three fare proposals presented.

Here's a summary of each of the proposals. First is the staff/city manager proposal. It increases fares by a dime this fiscal year and another 15 cents next year. That was the baseline proposal on which we assumed a balanced budget, and also the one against which the other proposals are weighed for meeting our revenue goals.

SUN TRAN / SUN SHUTTLE FIXED ROUTE	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17
Base Fare	1.50	1.60	1.75
Economy Fare	.50	.60	.75
Express Fare	2.00	2.15	2.35
1-Day Pass	3.50	3.75	4.10
Discounted Day Pass <i>(Non profit agencies only)</i>	1.75	1.85	2.05
30-Day Pass	42.00	45.00	49.00
Economy 30-Day Pass	15.00	18.00	22.00
Express 30-Day Pass	56.00	60.00	65.00
UA/PCC Base Fare Semester Pass	173.00	184.00	201.00
UA/PCC Semester Express Pass	230.00	245.00	268.00
UA/PCC Annual Base Fare Pass	413.00	440.00	481.00
UA/PCC Annual Express Pass	550.00	585.00	640.00
SUN SHUTTLE GENERAL PUBLIC DIAL-A-RIDE <i>(Oro Valley and Green Valley/Sahuarita)</i>	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17
Regular Fares	3.00	3.20	3.50
Economy Fares	1.00	1.20	1.50
SUN VAN ADA / SUN SHUTTLE ADA DIAL-A-RIDE	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17
Regular Fares	3.00	3.20	3.50
Low-Income Fares	1.00	1.20	1.50
SUN VAN OPTIONAL ADA / SUN SHUTTLE ADA DIAL-A-RIDE <i>(Optional Area)</i>	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17
Regular Fares	3.00	5.20	9.50
Low-Income Fares	1.00	3.20	7.50

Proposal #2 comes from Paul. It has several different elements such as proposing different multipliers to come up with new fares, each a function of the base fare, adding in disincentives to pay cash, and phasing in the increases to the economy fares. The staff analysis says this proposal yields about 25% of what we will see from Option #1. But to be fair, Paul's own analysis shows some differences between what staff is projecting and what he is.

SUN TRAN/ SUN SHUTTLE FIXED ROUTE	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17	FY 19 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/18	FY 20 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/19	FY 21 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/20
Base Fare	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
Economy Fare	.50	.55	.60	.65	.75	.75
Express Fare	2.00	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
1-Day Pass	3.50	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
Discounted Day Pass <i>(Non profit agencies only)</i>	1.75	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
30-Day Pass	42.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
Economy 30-Day Pass	15.00	16.50	18.00	20.00	22.50	22.50
Express 30-Day Pass	56.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00	60.00

UA/PCC Base Fare Semester Pass	173.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00	180.00
UA/PCC Semester Express Pass	230.00	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00
UA/PCC Annual Base Fare Pass	413.00	435.00	435.00	435.00	435.00	435.00
UA/PCC Annual Express Pass	550.00	585.00	585.00	585.00	585.00	585.00
SUN SHUTTLE GENERAL PUBLIC DIAL-A-RIDE <i>(Oro Valley and Green Valley/Sahuarita)</i>	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17	FY 19 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/18	FY 20 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/19	FY 21 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/20
Regular Fares	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Economy Fares	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.30	1.50	1.50
SUN VAN ADA/ SUN SHUTTLE ADA DIAL-A-RIDE	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17	FY 19 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/18	FY 20 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/19	FY 21 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/20
Regular Fares	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
Low-Income Fares	1.00	1.10	1.20	1.30	1.50	1.50
SUN VAN ADA/SUN SHUTTLE ADA DIAL-A-RIDE (Optional Area)	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17	FY 19 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/18	FY 20 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/19	FY 21 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/20
Regular Fares	3.00	5.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Low-Income Fares	1.00	3.10	7.20	7.30	7.50	7.50

Those differences exist in the economy fare, some confusion about how a ‘discounted day pass’ for non-profits would be accounted for, and how the 30-day economy fare is rolled out. I suspect Paul will be explaining how those differences affect the revenue projections when we meet on this Wednesday.

Fare Option #3 is the Mayor’s. It holds the economy fare steady and works toward our revenue projections by increasing fares on our discretionary/choice riders. For example, the base fare increases by 50 cents over two years whereas the staff/city manager proposal is to increase them by 25 cents gradually over the next two years.

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Base Fare	1.50	1.75	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00
Economy Fare	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50	.50
Express Fare	2.00	2.15	2.35	2.35	2.35	2.35
1-Day Pass	3.50	3.75	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.10
Discounted Day Pass <i>(Non profit agencies only)</i>	1.75	1.85	2.05	2.05	2.05	2.05
30-Day Pass	42.00	45.00	49.00	49.00	49.00	49.00
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UA/PCC Semester Express Pass	230.00	245.00	268.00	268.00	268.00	268.00
UA/PCC Annual Base Fare Pass	413.00	440.00	481.00	481.00	481.00	481.00
UA/PCC Annual Express Pass	550.00	585.00	640.00	640.00	640.00	640.00
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Regular Fares	3.00	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Economy Fares	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
SUN VAN ADA/ SUN SHUTTLE ADA DIAL-A-RIDE	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17	FY 19 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/18	FY 20 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/19	FY 21 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/20
Regular Fares	3.00	3.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00

Low-Income Fares	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
SUN VAN ADA/ SUN SHUTTLE ADA DIAL-A-RIDE (Optional Area)	CURRENT	FY 17 PROPOSED Effective 10/16/16	FY 18 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/17	FY 19 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/18	FY 20 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/19	FY 21 PROPOSED Effective 7/1/20
Regular Fares	3.00	5.50	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Low-Income Fares	1.00	3.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00

In doing their analysis of the financial impact of the TTF proposal, staff had to make some assumptions because several of the parts of the proposed changes are yet to be decided. For example, the TTF is proposing a 1-day economy pass, but has not suggested a fare for it. They propose a volume discount policy, details yet to be decided. The base fare increase they propose is for cash customers only. Here's their list of suggestions, along with a table reflecting the impact it'd have, as best as staff can project.

At the Transit Task Force meeting on May 2, 2016, the Transit Task Force approved the following fare recommendations:

1. Increase prices of all 30-day passes by \$2, starting FY 16/17. Full fare would be \$44, economy \$17.)
2. Introduce an Economy 1-Day Pass, starting FY 16/17. (Price to be determined)*
3. Develop a policy to provide a volume discount for stored value on SunGO cards. (To be implemented FY 16/17)*
4. Promote and facilitate use of SunGO card/tickets; i.e., work to maximize number of passengers using SunGO, not cash. *
5. Postpone base fare increase until FY 17/18.
6. Raise base fare by 25 cents FY17/18, increase applied to cash fare only.
7. Revisit prices of all other period passes (UA, etc.) in time for FY 17/18.*

MODIFIED TRANSIT TASK FORCE FARE PROPOSAL 8.30.16					
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
SUN TRAN FARES					
SINGLE TRIP FARES					
BASE FARE	1.50	1.75	1.75	1.75	1.75
STORED VALUE FARE	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
VALUE DISCOUNT FARE	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
ECONOMY FARE	0.50	0.75	0.75	0.75	0.75
STORED VALUE FARE	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
EXPRESS FARE	2.25	2.65	2.65	2.65	2.65
STORED VALUE FARE	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25	2.25
UP-CHARGE-EXPRESS FARE	0.75	0.90	0.90	0.90	0.90
UP-CHARGE-ECONOMY TO EXPRESS FARE	1.75	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
PERIOD PASSES					
DAY PASS	3.50	3.75	3.75	3.75	3.75
DISCOUNTED DAY PASS	1.75	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
30 DAY PASS	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00	45.00
ECONOMY 30 DAY PASS	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
EXPRESS 30 DAY PASS	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00	68.00
UA/PCC BASE FARE SEMESTER PASS	183.00	183.00	183.00	183.00	183.00
UA/PCC SEMESTER EXPRESS PASS	258.00	258.00	258.00	258.00	258.00
UA ANNUAL BASE FARE PASS	443.00	443.00	443.00	443.00	443.00
UA ANNUAL EXPRESS PASS	664.00	664.00	664.00	664.00	664.00
SUN VAN FARES					
REGULAR FARES					
ONE WAY	3.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.50
ROUND TRIP	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
LOW INCOME FARES					
ONE WAY	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.50	1.50
ROUND TRIP	2.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00

And finally, here's a summary table showing how each proposal compares to the revenue

projections we began with at the time of our budget talks last spring.

Additional Revenue			
Fare Option	FY 2017 (3/4)	FY 2018	Total Revenue
Option 1	\$443,010	\$1,471,500	\$1,914,510
Option 2	\$181,341	\$408,325	\$589,666
Option 3	\$504,606	\$1,481,960	\$1,986,566
Transit Task Force	\$116,841	\$657,075	\$773,916

One of them meets what the staff/city manager proposal target was. Questions remain along the lines of what sorts of ridership increases would each of the alternate proposals require in order to meet the budget targets, and what our budget needs are today as compared to when we had these discussions earlier in the year.

There are a lot of moving parts to this. Sorting it out is why we have both a study session and a public hearing – and a two-week window for each of us to think through what we hear and come back on the 20th ready to make a decision.

Water Conservation



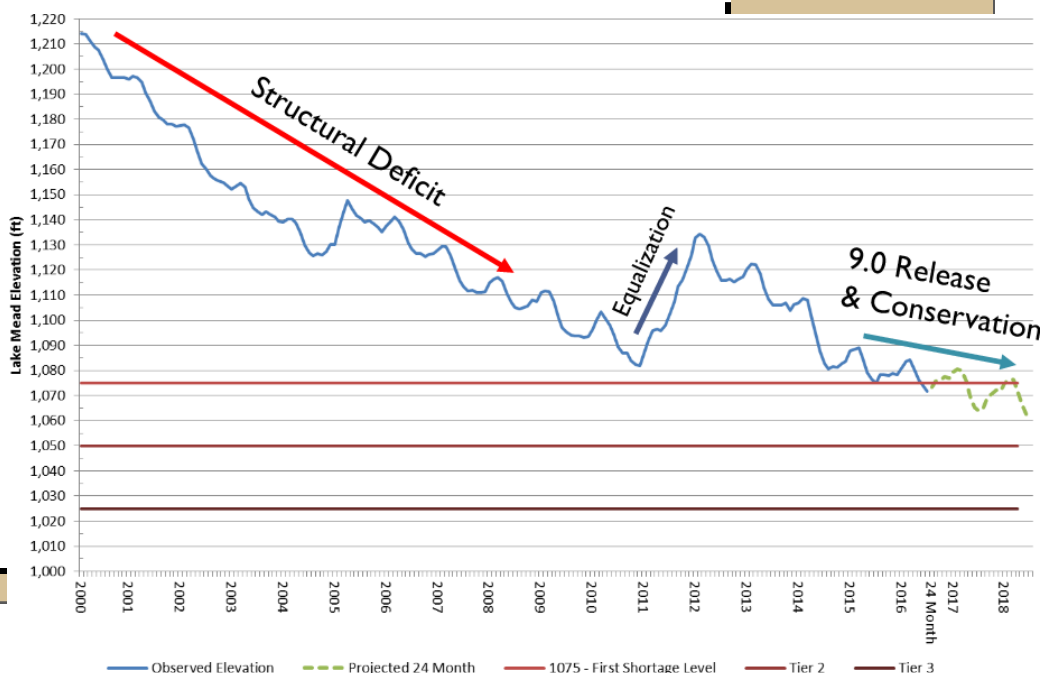
This is the logo that was shared during a presentation made by the CAP and Arizona Department of Water Resources to various members of the public in a webinar that was carried statewide. It was a good update on where we are with respect to negotiating some agreements with surrounding states. The agreements are aimed at preserving levels in Lake Mead. That's important because as the lake drops in water level, our allocations from the Central Arizona Project will be affected.

Lake Mead Elevation	Arizona Reduction	Nevada Reduction	Mexico Reduction
1075'	320,000 AF	13,000 AF	50,000 AF
1050'	400,000 AF	17,000 AF	70,000 AF
1025'	480,000 AF	20,000 AF	125,000 AF

By way of review, this table shows how many acre feet we will see our CAP allocation reduced as the lake reaches differing levels – each measured at the end of a given calendar year.

I've shared before that we're in a structural deficit when it comes to levels in Lake Mead. We take out more than is put in naturally. In recent years, due to conservation efforts the decline has flattened out a bit, as shown in this graph from the webinar. But it's still a downward trend, thus the need to continue to work with other CAP users to conserve the resource.

One of the negotiating points is to draw California into the list of states



that are subject to reductions in allocations. Because of the way the CAP was originally negotiated and funded, California is not subject to any reductions right now, regardless of the levels Lake Mead reaches. But because California is in a long term drought and in an effort to avoid any reductions that could at some point be assigned by the Feds through the Secretary of the Interior, California is at least at the table. They're also talking because right now if states leave water in the lake, creating what's called an Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS), California cannot take its water out and use it if levels go below 1,075'. They, along with the other lower basin states, want to preserve that water intentionally left in the lake in an effort to keep it above where a shortage is declared. The negotiations are over what's called a Drought Contingency Plan (DCP).

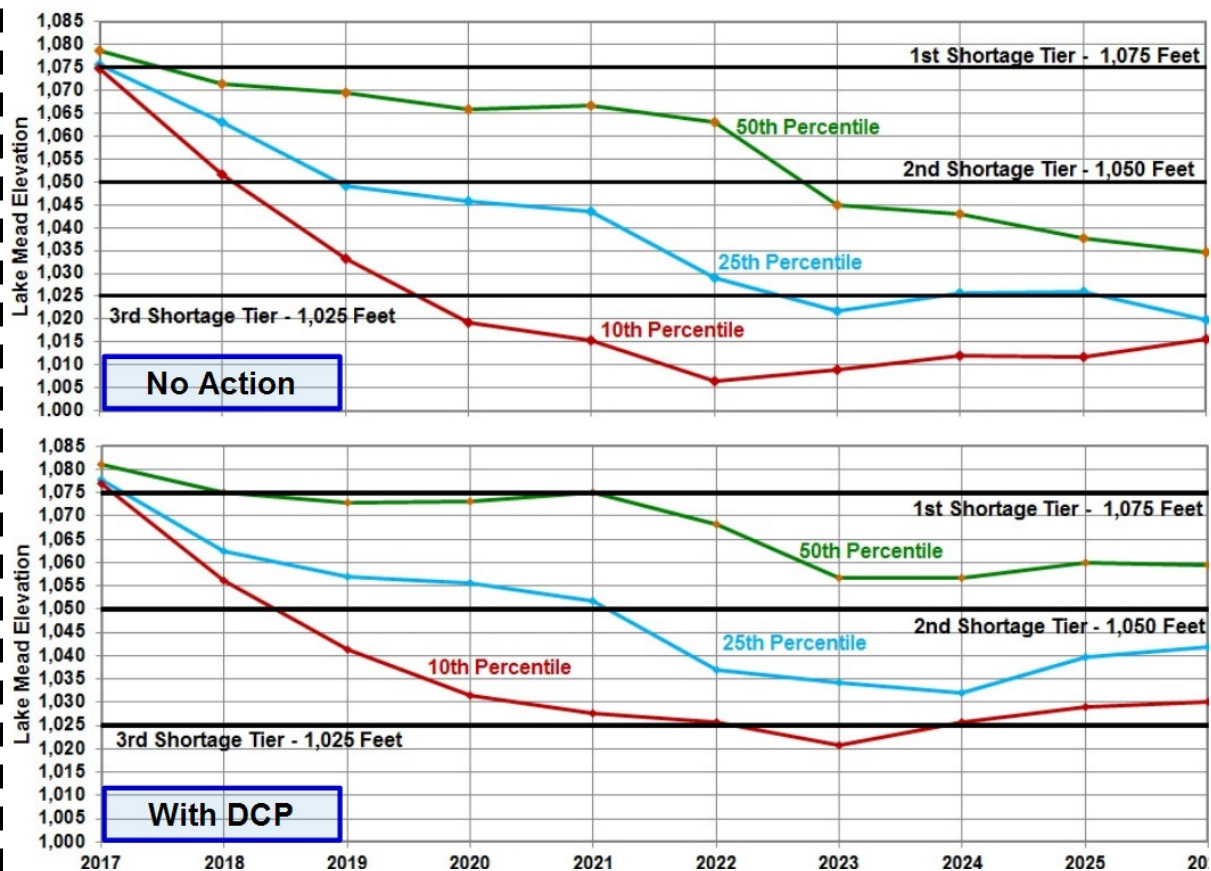
This table shows that California doesn't have to kick in any of its allocation – even under the DCP that's currently under negotiation – until the lake reaches 1,045'. By then, both Arizona and Nevada are into Tier 2 reductions in allocation. That means water users in those two states will have already suffered significant reductions in water delivery. But at least California is at the table talking about doing its part.

LBDCP Water Use Reductions

Lake Mead Elevation	AZ [2007]	AZ [Plan]	AZ TOTAL	NV [2007]	NV [Plan]	NV TOTAL	CA [2007]	CA [Plan]	CA TOTAL	BOR	TOTAL
1090-1075	0	192K	192K	0	8K	8K	0	0	0	100k	300k
1075-1050	320K	192K	512K	13K	8K	21K	0	0	0	100k	633k
1050-1045	400K	192K	592K	17K	8K	25K	0	0	0	100k	717k
1045-1040	400K	240K	640K	17K	10K	27K	0	200K	200K	100k	967k
1040-1035	400K	240K	640K	17K	10K	27K	0	250K	250K	100k	1,017k
1035-1030	400K	240K	640K	17K	10K	27K	0	300K	300K	100k	1,067k
1030-1025	400K	240K	640K	17K	10K	27K	0	350K	350K	100k	1,117k
<1025	480K	240K	720K	20K	10K	30K	0	350K	350K	100k	1,200k

Will the DCP make any difference? These graphs show that it will in fact prevent the declaration of Tier 3 shortages over at least the next decade. That's ultimately going to be the solution, of course, but we're working together on a multistate basis to address regional water issues.

Stress Test Hydrology – “No Action” and With DCP



Last week I participated in a conference call that included multiple environmentally connected water advocates. We're going to join forces and let the governor know we're here, and that we continue to believe his Water Augmentation Council (GWAC) is insular and needs more diversity of representation. More on that to come – but the material from the webinar validates the importance of both the expansion of the GWAC, as well as the value the ongoing, multistate DCP negotiations have for our ability to keep your water rates as low as we have been able to.

OSIRIS-REx

That's an acronym that stands for the Origins, Spectral Interpretation, Resource Identification, Security, Regolith Explorer. It's the spacecraft that'll be taking off on September 8th on the back of an Atlas rocket going over 12,000 mph headed for an asteroid. It's not sci-fi, it's an actual project in which the UA is knee-deep.

If you have access to past editions of the *Star*, go back to the beginning of last week and you'll see a series on the mission that's being written by an intern (undergrad research scholar) named Elizabeth Eaton. She's doing an excellent job of keeping the articles short, concise and understandable by the layperson. Elizabeth is working as a NASA space grant recipient and is directly involved in the run-up to the OSIRIS-REx blast off.

The space shot will begin this week, and OSIRIS will reach the asteroid (Bennu) in August of 2018. Once there, it'll collect samples from the rock (dust?) and bring it back to earth so scientists can examine it and hopefully learn about the origins of the universe. Hey, I have

trouble understanding how bus fares will affect ridership. No way do I claim to understand this stuff, but it's really interesting, and it is taking place right on the UA campus.

After OSIRIS-REx arrives at Bennu in 2018, it will circle the rock for a couple of years, taking pictures and mapping the surface so they know where to grab the material. The goal is to collect that in 2020 and arrive back in the Utah desert in 2023.

The total cost of the mission will be just under \$1B, including the cost of the launch vehicle. Multiple jurisdictions are sharing in the economic benefit. All jurisdictions will share in the information learned from the mission. Congratulations to the UA for another opportunity to take part in space exploration, and congratulations to Elizabeth for making the item accessible and understandable to the general public.

Housing Updates

The pilot program for focused Red Tag enforcement in neighborhoods surrounding the UA has begun. In the first week alone, TPD issued 15 of the citations to unruly gatherings. The goal is to get the word out to students that living in a residential area that happen to be near campus does not constitute a license to ignore the rights that neighbors have to the quiet enjoyment of their homes. Given the problems we've had in addressing this issue, this outreach by TPD at the beginning of the semester is much appreciated.

Of the 15 citations issued in the first week of the pilot program, 10 were given within a half mile of campus. Four more happened within five miles of the UA, and only one was further away – about eight miles. We anticipated this kind of distribution when we started the pilot program.

I've heard from some landlords who take exception to our increased work in corralling unruly gatherings. Those who are calling are not those with whom we've had problems. They shouldn't worry. Good property managers won't even know this program has ramped up in its enforcement work. It's not those property managers we had in mind when we asked for greater surveillance at the front end of the semester.

If casting the net of the pilot program hadn't yielded this sort of early result, we could have been accused of hyping the issue. The numbers above validate our concern. In fact, the amount of time and resources we and neighbors spend on this issue validates the concern – the results of week one simply prove the point.

Homebuyer Expo

The homebuyer expo I'm organizing with Jonathan is coming next week. And the truth is that Alison from my office and Ryan from Jonathan's are doing all the heavy lifting on getting this event up and off the ground.

This event was really catalyzed by the arrival of some new funding options through Tucson's Industrial Development Authority (IDA). The IDA will be at the event introducing potential homebuyers to some of the programs which can help with up to \$20K in down payment assistance for those who qualify. In addition, we'll have dozens of other groups present to talk you through any facet of buying a home you can imagine.

Lending institutions, realtors, people who are familiar with historic preservation tax incentives and regular home maintenance, and several city departments who service homeowners will be present. Also we'll have representatives from various neighborhoods that surround the UA on hand to talk-up the amenities of living close to campus.

There will be some breakout sessions touching on a variety of issues related to buying and owning a home. Those will include down payment assistance programs, qualifying for different types of mortgages, and how your credit score plays into all of that. Those sessions will run about 20 minutes each about every 30 minutes between 4:30 and 7:00 pm. From 5:00 until about 5:30 pm, we'll have a few speakers sharing thoughts on the reasons behind and value of the expo.

Alison and Ryan have made direct outreach to multiple employers and media agencies in the area. If you're even thinking of buying a home, you're the person who should be attending this expo. And if you're an employer who has workers earning less than \$92K, those employees may be eligible for some of the attractive assistance options we're going to be presenting.

Come and take a look. You may be surprised at just how accessible building equity in your own home can be.

Medical Aid in Dying

We now have our panel finalized for this month's forum related to end of life issues. The event will take place on Wednesday, September 28th at the Duval Auditorium in the main building at Banner UMC. Doors will open at 5:30, and the discussion will start at 6:00 pm.

On the flyer you'll see Kelly Davis. She's a writer over in San Diego who just went through an end of life situation with her sister. You may have seen coverage of the series of events that culminated in Kelly's sister inviting friends to come to her end of life party. It may sound macabre, but in fact the event was a celebration of her life, and a peaceful end to the lousy hand Betsy Davis had been dealt.

Tired of renting? Get free help buying a home

- **Info on down payment assistance up to \$20,000**
- **Mortgages 101**
- **Improving your credit score**

Tuesday, September 13, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

UA Student Union Grand Ballroom

1303 E. University Blvd., 3rd Level

(Close to 5 parking garages with visitor parking)

**Talk with lenders and housing professionals
and find a path to homeownership that works for you!**



Sponsors: University of Arizona, Tucson Mayor's Office, Ward 6 Council Office
Parking garage map: <https://parking.arizona.edu/pdf/maps/campus.pdf>
Contact: Ryan Anderson (520) 791-4201 or Ryan.Anderson@tucsonaz.gov



**The Tucson Chapter of Compassion & Choices &
Council Member Steve Kozachik invite you to:**

Medical Aid in Dying

A Community Conversation, an Exploration of Diverse Viewpoints

September 28, 2016 – 6:00 p.m.

**University of Arizona Medical Center - DuVal Auditorium,
1501 N. Campbell Ave. Tucson, Arizona**

Join us for an informative panel discussion moderated by

Richard Carmona, MD, MPH, FACS, *17th Surgeon General of The United States
and Distinguished Professor, University of Arizona*

Panelists include:

Alan G. Molk, M.D., *FACEP, Clinical Assistant Professor, Emergency Medicine, University
of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix Campus*

Dr. Jim Nicolai, M.D., *Associate Medical Director at Casa de la Luz Hospice*

Dr. Peter Brown, M.D., *Medical Director Carondelet Hospice & Palliative Medicine*

Kelly Davis, *freelance journalist based in San Diego whose work focuses on the
criminal justice system and vulnerable populations. Ms. Davis' sister, Betsy Davis, was
one of the first patients to achieve a peaceful death through the recently enacted
California End of Life Options Act.*

The event is free and open to the public. To ensure your seat, kindly RSVP to:
sandaschuldmann@gmail.com

We'll have educational information at the entry on the night of the forum. Compassion and Choices will have a table, as will Casa de la Luz, Free Speech Arizona, and likely some others. This is an incredibly tough issue both for families, and also for the medical community. You'll hear all sides on the 28th. There will also be audience participation in the discussion. Please join us.

Animal Cruelty

Contextually in the newsletter there's no real good place to put this item, but I want to make sure you're aware of it. Because people know I'm a big animal welfare advocate, I hear pretty often about incidents where people are concerned about how animals are being treated out in the community. Coming on September 7th, the Humane Society Southern

Arizona (HSSA) is joining forces with the Animal Cruelty Task Force of Southern Arizona to host a free public seminar on the role you can play if you run across incidents of possible cruel treatment of animals.



Any person who would do something like this needs some serious psychological attention – and a strong touch from the law. Come on the 7th and let the HSSA and the Task Force representatives give you information on signs of cruelty or neglect, and the steps that will be involved as investigations are conducted. You'll need that information if you're to play a truly effective role.

The event will run from 6:00 until 8:00 pm. It'll be held at the TPD Operations West Division over at 1310 W Miracle Mile. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Pat Hubbard by email (phubbard@hssaz.org) or by phone (321.3704 x138).



Local First
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Tucson Local - PVNA and Youth on Their Own

Each year, the Palo Verde Neighborhood Association collects materials for distribution to the Youth on Their Own (YOTO) community. There's a YOTO site right across the street from PVNA, and currently there are over 50 YOTO students registered at Catalina High School. They expect that number to grow.

This week's local issue is an outreach on behalf of YOTO, and in support of the Palo Verde effort. The list of items they're looking for include:

- *Cup of soup, ramen, granola bars, peanut butter crackers, small water bottles, easy-open cans of ravioli/pasta, canned or cup fruit, canned meat like chicken, tuna pouches, spam*
- *Stuffing, small bags or boxes of rice and pinto beans*
- *Toilet paper*
- *New men's and women's underwear - sizes small to large mainly (especially women's small)*
- *New men's and women's socks*
- *New bras in all sizes*
- *Shampoo and conditioner*
- *Small body sponges or washcloths*
- *Body spray*
- *Chapstick*
- *Cheap flip flops in all sizes to use for emergency shoe situations*

- *New tennis shoes - all sizes, male and female*

If you can help out, please contact the Palo Verde folks at paloverdena@gmail.com. Or you can drop your donations at the ward office and we'll make sure to get them to the right place.

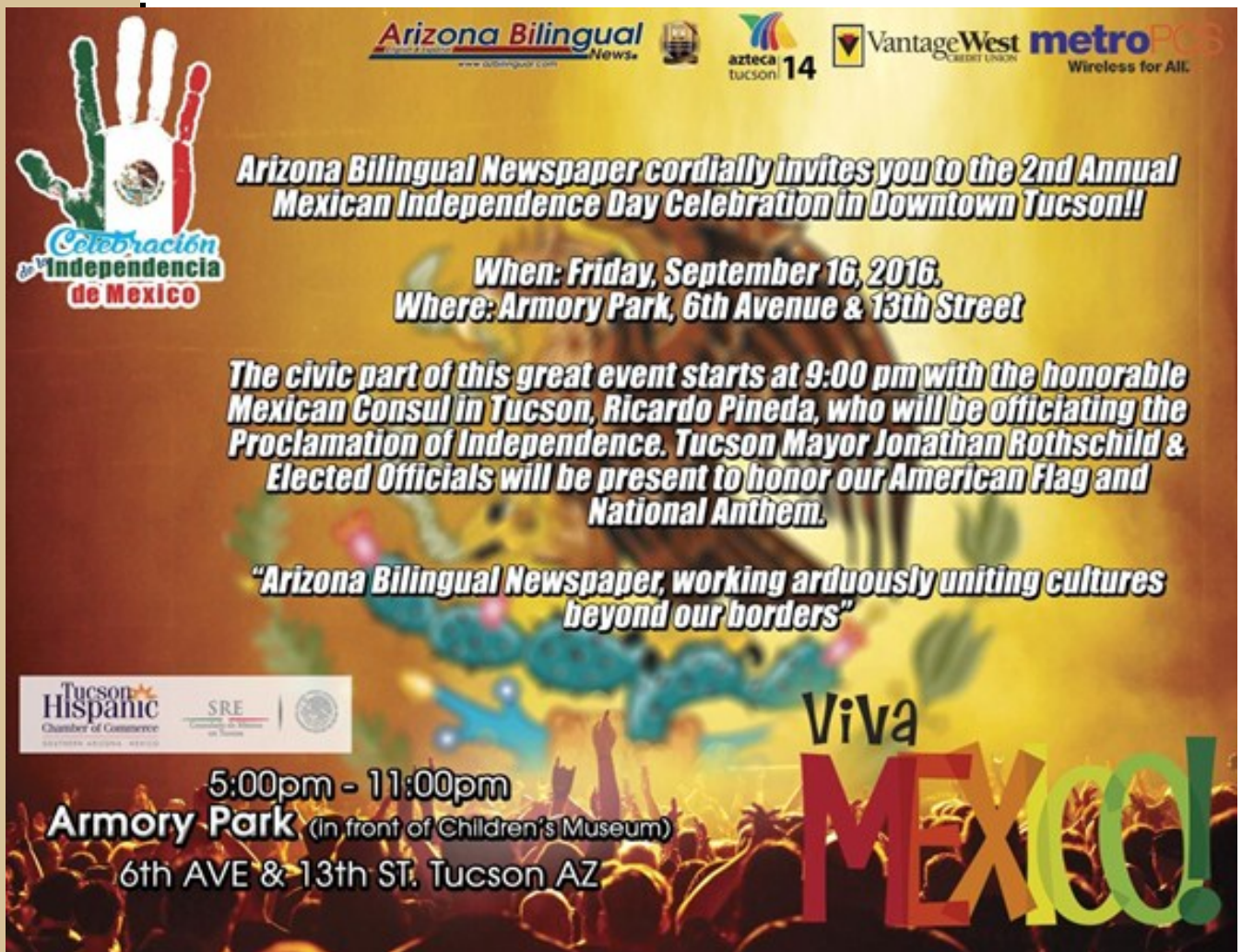
Earlier today, I had a lady in the office literally crying about the needs that exist around our community. We all do what we can.

Sincerely,



Steve Kozachik
Council Member, Ward 6
Ward6@tucsonaz.gov

Events and Entertainment



Arizona Bilingual Newspaper cordially invites you to the 2nd Annual Mexican Independence Day Celebration in Downtown Tucson!!

When: Friday, September 16, 2016.
Where: Armory Park, 6th Avenue & 13th Street

The civic part of this great event starts at 9:00 pm with the honorable Mexican Consul in Tucson, Ricardo Pineda, who will be officiating the Proclamation of Independence. Tucson Mayor Jonathan Rothschild & Elected Officials will be present to honor our American Flag and National Anthem.

"Arizona Bilingual Newspaper, working arduously uniting cultures beyond our borders"

Viva MEXICO!

5:00pm - 11:00pm
Armory Park (In front of Children's Museum)
6th AVE & 13th ST. Tucson AZ

OSIRIS REx Events

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Check out these events around town in honor of the OSIRIS REx launch. The rocket carrying the spacecraft is scheduled to launch from Kennedy Space Center in Florida at 4:05 pm Tucson time, conditions permitting. More information: uanews.arizona.edu/story/lets-do-launch-where-watch-osirisrex.

2:00 pm OSIRIS-REx Launch Party on the UA Mall

A 9-by-16-foot, truck-mounted LED screen will broadcast the launch live.

3:30 pm Flandrau Planetarium and Science Center

Admission to view the launch will be free with limited seating available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Following the launch, Flandrau will have two screenings of the new fulldome feature film ASTEROID: MISSION EXTREME at 5:15 pm and 6:15 pm. Reduced show admission of \$3 per ticket for each show.

5:30 pm OSIRIS-REx Launch Party at Main Gate:

After the launch party on campus, guests are welcome to stroll down University Boulevard to Main Gate Square for more festivities. Among the participating merchants featuring OSIRIS-REx- and space-themed specials are Auld Dubliner Irish Pub, Frog and Firkin, Gentle Ben's, Red's Smokehouse and Taproom, and Sinbad's Restaurant.

5:30-10:00 pm OSIRIS-REx Launch Celebration Downtown

These businesses downtown will feature live music, stargazing, and space art.

[Maynards Market & Kitchen](#), 400 N. Toole Ave.

[Hotel Congress](#), 311 E. Congress St.

[Borderlands Brewing Company](#), 119 E. Toole Ave.

Ongoing

Fox Theatre, 17 W Congress St | www.FoxTucsonTheatre.org

Hotel Congress, 311 E Congress St | hotelcongress.com

Loft Cinema, 3233 E Speedway Blvd | www.loftcinema.com

Rialto Theatre, 318 E Congress St | www.rialtotheatre.com

Arizona State Museum, 1013 E University Blvd | www.statemuseum.arizona.edu

Arizona Theater Company, 330 S Scott Ave | www.arizonatheatre.org

The Rogue Theatre, The Historic Y, 300 E University Blvd | www.theroguetheatre.org

Tucson Museum of Art, 140 N Main Ave | www.TucsonMusuemofArt.org

Tucson Convention Center, 260 S Church St | tucsonconventioncenter.com

Meet Me at Maynards, 311 E Congress St | www.MeetMeatMaynards.com

A social walk/run through the Downtown area. Every Monday, rain or shine, holidays too! Check-in begins at 5:15pm.

Mission Garden, 929 W Mission Ln | www.tucsonbirthplace.org

A living agricultural museum and ethnobotanical garden at the site of Tucson's Birthplace (the foot of "A-Mountain"). For guided tours call 520-777-9270.

Children's Museum Tucson, 200 S 6th Ave | www.childrensmuseumtucson.org

Tucson Botanical Gardens, 2150 N Alvernon Way | www.tucsonbotanical.org

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave |
www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

UA Mineral Museum, 1601 E University Blvd | www.uamineralmuseum.org

Jewish History Museum, 564 S Stone Ave | www.jewishhistorymuseum.org